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## AFRL Rome awards \$2.4M contract to Nevada firm

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ROME, N.Y. — The Air Force Research Laboratory's Information Directorate has awarded a \$2,471,930 contract to Sierra Nevada Corp. of Sparks, Nev.

The 16-month effort, "Fused SIGINT Enhancements to ELINT (FSEE)," will develop and demonstrate an advanced capability to fuse signal intelligence (SIGINT) data, derive information, manage multiple SIGINT resources, and produce situational assessment to support Effects Based Operations.

"A major portion of this research will be to develop fusion

ontologies - ways for computers to automatically correlate data from various intelligence disciplines," said John H. Pletl, program manager in the directorate's Information and Intelligence Exploitation Division.

"While there is focus to bring sub-elements of signal intelligence systems together, there are actually several other intelligent disciplines which need to be incorporated," said Pletl. "The ultimate goal is to provide the military a better assessment of the current situation." @